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SUBJECT:PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON FINLAND'S ENERGY PROGRAM

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1. CABLE ANSWERS ITEMS I-B AND II-B REFTEL. EMBASSY REPLY FOR REMAINDER OF OUTLINE IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SENT TO DEPT BY JAN 30.

2. ENERGY POLICY (I-B): R AND D PRIORITIES ARE LARGELY FOCUSED ON NUCLEAR ENERGY. MORE THAN THREE-FOURTHS OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR R AND D ACTIVITIES IN ENERGY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH PEACEFUL UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. LOCATION OF NEW NUCLEAR POWER SITES TAKES NEARLY HALF OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR NUCLEAR R AND D ACTIVITIES. GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES PRODUCTION OF PEAT AS FUEL FOR POWER STATIONS IN ORDER TO DECREASE FINLAND'S DEPENDENCY ON ENERGY IMPORTS. IN ADDITION TO \$US 157,000 FOR BASIC RESEARCH IN UTILIZATION OF PEAT, GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED IN 1976 BUDGET \$US 23,000,000 FOR STATE FUEL CENTER (VAPO) WHICH USES PEAT AS MAIN SOURCE OF ENERGY.

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3. ENERGY R AND D ACTIVITIES (II-B): ENERGY
DEPARTMENT IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IS
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR FINLAND'S
ENERGY R AND D ACTIVITIES. 1976 R AND D APPROPRIA-
TIONS BY ENERGY FORM ARE:

THOUSAND OF
\$US

I. NUCLEAR

A. BASIC RESEARCH	473
B. SAFETY	853
C. LOCATION OF POWER SITES	1,132
D. SOURCES OF DOMESTIC FUEL	105
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B. ENERGY CONSERVATION	131
C. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	433

IV. TOTAL 4,226

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